



THE COUNTY OF KAUAI

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR

MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

News Release

For Immediate Release: August 17, 2020

KAUAI POLICE DEPARTMENT
TODD G. RAYBUCK, CHIEF
Tel (808) 241-1600
Fax (808) 241-1604

Washington woman arrested for violating COVID-19 orders

LĪHU'E – Kaua'i police arrested 51-year-old Shannon Patrick of Longview, Washington on August 13 for violating Hawai'i's 14-day quarantine emergency and vehicle rental prohibition rules pertaining to COVID-19. The quarantine requires that all travelers to Kaua'i stay in an approved accommodation for 14 days, including having food delivered, except for emergency medical purposes. Travelers are also prohibited from renting a vehicle until after their 14 days of quarantine are completed.

Patrick allegedly arrived at the Līhu'e Airport on August 12 after flying to Hawai'i from the mainland for a several-day visit. According to a police report, after leaving the airport, Patrick illegally rented a vehicle and proceeded to travel to her quarantine location in Kapa'a.

Kaua'i police were informed on August 13 that Patrick had left her lodging on several occasions that day, as well as on August 12. Officers responded and arrived at her quarantine location around 2 p.m. where an investigation was conducted that established probable cause to arrest Patrick for violating the Governor's orders.

Patrick was transported to the Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) Detention Center for booking. She subsequently posted \$2,000 in bail and was escorted by police back to her accommodations for the remainder of her quarantine period. Her vehicle was recovered by the car rental agency, which had been deceived into conducting business with her.

This case remains an ongoing investigation.



The Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) has made 68 arrests to-date for violations of the 14-day quarantine emergency rules. This number includes visitors (30) and Hawai'i residents (38). All individuals who are arrested are also subject to up to one year in jail and/or up to \$5,000 in fines.

Kaua'i police and Hawai'i National Guard personnel continue to maintain a daily checkpoint at the Līhu'e Airport where all incoming travelers are subject to the 14-day quarantine. Visitors and returning residents from both direct mainland flights and interisland flights are screened and subsequently required to quarantine.

"Our grassroots coalition of community members and businesses is very strong. We continue to remind off-island travelers that there are follow-up procedures that the State and County have in place to monitor individuals that are subject to quarantine", said Assistant Chief Mark Begley. "We take the health of our community very seriously and continue to stress the importance of following protocols to help mitigate the spread of this disease on our island. We would also like to reiterate that any kind of leisurely travel is strongly discouraged at this time, and we extend our appreciation to the public for their understanding and willingness to do what's best to keep Kaua'i safe."



Shannon Patrick

Photo courtesy of Kaua'i Police Department.

###